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Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 40, 45, 55, 60, 68, 69, 70, 84, 73, 78, 85, 86, 87 and 89 have been amended.

Claims 1-39, 44, 66 and 67 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 40-43, 46-65, 68-83 and 85-97 are now presented for examination.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 44-56, 67-77 and 84-93 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. The limitations of Claims 44 have been incorporated into Claim 40, the limitations of Claims 67 and 66 have been incorporated into Claim 60, and the limitations of Claim 84 have been incorporated into Claim 78. All remaining claims depend from one of these independent claims. Accordingly the rejections are believed to be traversed. Applicants note for the record that these amendments are made in an effort to speed the allowance of the application and not as a concession of the correctness of the rejections.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

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Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.


Charge our Deposit Account

Please charge any shortage to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

Respectfully submitted,

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